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Incident Report #5 – Southern Wisconsin flooding and severe weather

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More severe weather is expected to impact Wisconsin in the next 24 hours. Severe thunderstorm and flash flood watches have been posted for most of the state. Flash flood warnings are in effect for Ozaukee and Washington counties. The National Weather Service anticipates central Wisconsin could receive the heaviest precipitation Monday night, with 2-3", while southern Wisconsin, including Dane County, could receive up to 2". The storms tonight are also expected to bring strong winds and possible tornadoes.

In preparation for the upcoming storms, first responders, volunteers and the Wisconsin National Guard continued to sandbag in Monona and Madison Monday to prevent additional flood damage. There have been 85 members of the Wisconsin National Guard assisting with flood-fighting efforts.

Last night, between 4-7" of rain fell on parts of Washington and Ozaukee counties. Floodwaters forced the temporary closure of Interstate 43 between Port Washington and the Village of Belgium. Heavy rains and thunderstorms also moved across St. Croix County, which resulted in downed trees, hail, and some minor flooding.

There were also tornado warnings out Sunday night for Columbia and Washington counties. The National Weather service determined that it was straight-line winds that caused some tree and minor structure damage in Washington County in the Village of Jackson. There were no reports of injuries.

Portions of U.S. Highway 14 in Dane County remain closed due to flooding, along with roads in downtown Madison. Current road closure information is available at 511wi.gov. Drivers are urged to obey road closure signs and not drive through any standing water they encounter.

Private property owners in Dane County should report flood damage to 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211. Business owners should contact their local unit of government and document losses.

The Statewide Emergency Operations Center is currently elevated as the state is monitoring the situation and aiding local emergency responders as requested.